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Youth Work in the South Lochaber area

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THE BIG HEADLINES



Youth Work is educational and it's fun

It's an empowering process where young people

- Learn new things about themselves and others
- Improve their confidence and self-belief
- Can express themselves without judgement
- Become more open and accepting of those who are different to them
- Are encouraged and supported to try and make differences to things that matter to all young people



Key numbers for the period

The South Lochaber youth team has had 705 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 2,383 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 91 separate occasions.

Activities took place in the Leven Centre, Kinlochleven high school, Ballachulish Village Hall and the surrounding areas.

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

SOCIALIZE BALLACHULISH

SocialiZe opened the doors of the Village hall for the first time on February the 8th. This project was able to run due to being allocated funding from the participatory budget last year and it's growing in its success. We are happy to say that we have brought youth provision into Ballachulish and we are looking forward to the future of youth provision in the area.

SOCIALIZE KINLOCHLEVEN

SocialiZe runs every week within Kinlochleven- It's not your conventional youth club. The time is used for the Youth Workers and young people to work Achievement Awards, volunteering, Highland Youth Parliament, budgeting and cooking etc.

YOUTH WORK IN KINLOCHLEVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Work has been a huge success within Kinlochleven High School. With the presence of youth workers in the school, young people have been able to build relationships with them and have an understanding of what support is available. The Youth Development team have a fantastic working partnership with KHS and this ensures that the young people get the best possible support suited to them and they get to have FUN!! We recently did our own mannequin challenge in the school foyer.

YOUTH WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

Youth Workers work with any young person from 12-25Yrs. Which means that the help and support we can offer doesn't end when you leave school. We support a number of young people 16+ with employability, independent living, and can provide a confidential safe space for a chat. We also begun outreach work on a Friday evening around Ballachulish as part of the Socialize Project.

Quote from a young person: "Jenn and Kara are fun and interesting. They help young people and always make you feel part of the team."

WHAT'S COMING UP

In the coming months, the young people of South Lochaber.....

- Will represent their area at the summer Highland Youth Parliament conference which this year will be held at the UHI campus in Inverness.
- Will be asked to engage with the Lochaber Community Partnership. This is the group of senior representatives from Education (Care and Learning), Health, the Third Sector, Enterprise and the Emergency Services who are all committed to involving communities to help improve local services.
- Will take part in a Highland wide survey of youth work delivered by High Life Highland.
- Will look at how to make evening youth provision in South Lochaber sustainable and explore avenues of funding.
- Will be able to participate in a programme of various summer holiday activities including FUSION events.
- Will continue to have opportunities to develop personal and social skills and be actively recognised for any achievements.
- Will be able to participate within an exciting new drama project with us in South Lochaber, alongside Ilona Lawson @ Bright productions.

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